



**Weekly Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
as of February 13, 2015**

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*All hay prices quoted are dollars per ton FOB point of origin for alfalfa hay unless otherwise noted.*

*The information presented in this report is compiled from public and private sales and reports in the Midwest.*

*The past several months of the weekly hay reports are archived. To view previous hay reports, go to the Team Forage web site and click on the [past hay reports](#) section.*

**Demand and Sales Activity**

Farmers were reminded this week winter still has a grip on the weather with severe cold temperatures late in the week. Hay supplies are good, but demand remains moderate to light at most auctions. Overall hay prices increased considerably this week. Demand for quality alfalfa hay increased the overall hay price this week compared to last week. Summing up the sales this week, quality hay sold for a good price and lower quality alfalfa hay prices held steady at auctions.

For *Nebraska*, compared to the last report alfalfa hay sold fully steady to stronger. Demand picked up this week for “dairy quality” and “grinding type” hay. For *Iowa*, buyer inquiry was moderate to good with a strong market for premium quality alfalfa hay.

In *South Dakota*, light reported trade volume this week with steady prices. Dairy quality alfalfa hay is in demand with a tight supply. Lower quality hay is in an abundant supply.

For *Missouri*, many farmers were thinking of spring green up until a mid - week drop to single digit temperatures reminded them winter isn’t over yet. Unlike past years many farms have good hay supplies resulting in a light demand for hay at auction, but prices have been steady. Quality hay will demand a good price.

In *Southwest Minnesota*, no premium quality or good quality hay was available at auction. Lower quality hay sold at steady prices when compared to the last report. For *Illinois*, demand was good to moderate with moderate to heavy hay offerings and steady prices. In *Wisconsin*, hay prices were steady for good quality alfalfa hay.

Straw prices in the Midwest were steady to slightly weaker, compared to last week. Small square bales averaged \$3.20 per bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00); large square bales averaged \$28.40 per bale (range of \$19.00 to \$50.60); and large round bales averaged \$34.40 per bale (range of \$26.00 to \$46.25). Large bales of straw (round or square) sold \$2.00 - \$4.00 less per bale compared to last week.

## Hay Price Summary

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	260.00	240.00	280.00
	Large Square	191.30	150.00	272.50
	Large Round	126.75	95.00	180.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	152.80	90.00	215.00
	Large Square	155.20	120.00	200.00
	Large Round	111.25	75.00	150.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	97.35	70.00	125.00
	Large Round	83.55	50.00	125.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	73.00	50.00	96.00
	Large Square	77.50	70.00	90.00
	Large Round	75.80	70.00	90.00

The next Weekly Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on February 23, 2015.

Due to the lack of quality-tested hay auctions in Wisconsin, the following links are included in this report allowing producers to obtain some state and nearby state prices. The Equity Cooperative market report is at [http://livestock.equitycoop.com/market\\_reports/](http://livestock.equitycoop.com/market_reports/). Go to the Lomira and Reedsville locations for their reports on hay and straw prices. The Fennimore Livestock Exchange is at <http://www.fennimorelivestock.com/index.php?site=home>. The Reynolds Feed & Supply, LLC of Dodgeville is at <http://www.reynoldslivestock.com/what1snew/>. The Tim Slack Auction and Realty, LLC of Fennimore is at <http://www.timslackauctionrealty.com/market%20report.html>. The Zumbrota Hay & Bedding Auction of Zumbrota, MN is at <http://cla.crinet.com/page5295/ZumbrotaHayAndBeddingAuction>. The Dyersville Sales Company of Dyersville, Iowa is at <http://dyersvillesales.com/hay-auction/hay-auction-results/>. The Farmer to Farmer website is an electronic neighborhood bulletin board that allows local farmers to get in touch with one another to facilitate the marketing of feed commodities. It has recently been expanded to connect those with productive pastures to those producers who are in need of pastures. It can be found at <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/>.

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